



City of University Park

City Hall
3800 University Blvd.
University Park, TX 75205

Meeting Minutes City Council

Thursday, October 17, 2019

11:30 AM

Council Overflow Room

Work Session

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Mayor Olin Lane, Mayor Pro Tem Taylor Armstrong, Councilmember Randy Biddle, Councilmember Gage Prichard and Councilmember Liz Farley

Staff in attendance included: City Manager Robbie Corder, Director of Public Works Jacob Speer, Public Works Operations Coordinator Jodie Ledat, Director of Finance Tom Tvardzik, Purchasing Manager Elizabeth Anderson, Director of Community Development Patrick Baugh, Director of Communications and Marketing Steve Mace, City Planner Jessica Rees, Assistant City Manager Lea Dunn, City Engineer Katie Barron, Communications Assistant Paige Ruedy and Special Projects Coordinator Amanda Hartwick

II. OPEN WORK SESSION - No action taken

The City Council received a report from staff regarding 1) proposed storm water improvements and 2) the Snider Plaza water and sewer utilities project. No action was taken.

1) Director of Public Works Jacob Speer gave a presentation outlining potential phasing of stormwater improvements in the north/northeast section of the city. This work is the first of a larger three-part project to manage urban flooding city-wide. The Public Works Advisory Committee recently reviewed the proposed project and generally approved the phasing with the recommendation that work in Hillcrest be consolidated in an effort to limit interruptions to traffic.

With this consideration, staff reduced the project from five phases to four. The group discussed the impact to residents and the timing of potential phases. Phase 1 of the project includes installation of a two-story detention system in Caruth Park. The earliest work could begin is summer 2020. Remaining phases would take place each year thereafter, with the entire north/northeast work completing in 2023. Jacob shared preliminary costs totaling \$11M with a 5% inflation rate used for future years work.

2) City Manager Robbie Corder then addressed Council and gave a brief history of the Snider Plaza Master Plan completed in 2008. More recently, city staff worked with Paris Rutherford of Catalyst Development to explore additional opportunities for improving parking and other amenities within the plaza. Through this process, Paris expanded on the 2008 Master Plan

producing a rendering of potential parking design and landscaping.

Currently, Huitt-Zollars is working on a utility design plan for Snider Plaza. The plan is at 30% completion and guidance on landscape improvements is needed to continue design with consideration to curb cuts, irrigation, and other details. Given his experience with the project, staff would like to engage Paris Rutherford to help develop bid documents for landscaping. Paris would utilize landscape architect Space Between Design and help coordinate efforts with Huitt-Zollars.

Staff will bring an agreement with Catalyst Development to a future Council meeting for consideration.

III. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Mayor Lane adjourned the meeting.

Considered and approved this the 5th of November:

Olin Lane, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Green, City Secretary